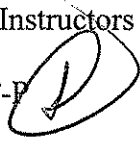


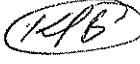
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The *EMS Education Agenda for the Future*, and specifically the component element *National EMS Education Standards*, have prompted a number of significant changes in the EMS certification and recertification processes. Educational content and the methods for delivering information and managing the educational process have changed, and EMS regulation must adapt to accommodate the transition to new standards.

Attached are elements that affect the certification and recertification of Emergency Medical Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians. These changes generally effect:

1. Transition of Initial Certification Programs for the EMR and EMT level providers to the National EMS Education Standards
2. Changes to the Recertification Requirements at EMR, EMT, and AEMT levels that:
  - a. Change hourly requirements to accommodate the three year recertification interval
  - b. Identify program content areas as opposed to specific content topics and eliminate time constraints from individual topic content modules
  - c. Enable distributive educational processes for recertification programs
  - d. Enable an Alternative Pathway for EMR certification
  - e. Recognize certain licensed healthcare professional continuing education for recertification purposes

The changes in recertification process may be implemented effective January 1, 2012 and must be implemented no later than July 1, 2012.

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